

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0021 with the following amended paragraph 0021.

[0021] FIG 2 illustrates a side view of the chamfer 32. The chamfer 32 has a maximum width at the laterally oriented edge 26 of the serration, and gradually decreases in width as the chamfer 32 approaches the next adjacent serration point 30. The height h of the chamfer 32 gradually decreases, relative to the full tread depth, in the circumferential direction. As chamfer 32 extends along the circumferential extending edge 28 and the height h of the chamfer 32 decreases, the rib side 22 (or 24) is gradually exposed.

Please substitute the following new paragraph [0037]:

[0037] The disclosed rib configuration may also be used ~~in connected with lateral grooves, as seen in the commonly assigned co-pending patent application Serial No. 10/601,986, filed June 23, 2003, Attorney Docket No. DN2003-096~~ connection with lateral grooves.